

## What Does It Mean to be Free from the Law? (Part 2)

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### Scripture References:

- Romans 2:14, 15
- Galatians 5:18
- Exodus 20:1-7
- Galatians 4:8
- 1 Corinthians 5:11
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11
- Ephesians 4:31
- Colossians 3:8, 9
- Colossians 2:16, 17
- Ephesians 6:1-3
- Romans 13:9
- Hebrews 13:4
- Ephesians 4:25, 28
- 1 Peter 3:10
- Romans 7:7
- Ephesians 1:13
- 1 Corinthians 12:13
- Titus 3:5
- Philippians 2:13, *NLT*
- Romans 1:5
- Romans 16:26
- 2 Corinthians 5:14, 15

### Summary:

*Grace gives us limitless freedom that was previously unavailable under Mosaic Law. As born-again believers, we are no longer bound by restrictive rules, but this does not mean we are free to continue sinning. We are now free from the penalty of not being able to obey the law through rule-keeping, and from the resulting feelings of condemnation, guilt, and shame. However, we are **not** free from God's moral law contained in the Ten Commandments.*

### Notes:

1. The Ten Commandments contain God's moral law. Even under grace, they are still valid. It existed before God gave the law to Moses, and was born when Adam and Eve sinned and realized the difference between right and wrong.
2. Paul explained how the Old-Testament commandments can be still applied, but in love. The Holy Spirit helps us to keep the commandments better than following lists of rules. Paul pointed out that the law actually caused the very behavior it was supposed to prevent.
3. The Holy Spirit is God working in us to change us. He teaches us the spirit of God's moral law by helping us walk in love toward each other. This kind of help was unavailable under the law.
4. The new nature we receive when we get born again is not only able to obey God, but also wants to. It wants to do right; self-effort could never do this. When we have been born again, we are controlled by Christ's love.

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